



MEDIA RELEASE

Shopkeeper Battered on 700 State Street

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Charles Randall Taylor, age 24, a transient from Castaic, was arrested for misdemeanor battery and an outstanding \$35,000.00 misdemeanor arrest warrant from Los Angeles County following an incident on the 700 block of State Street.

On March 31, 2013 at 3:24 p.m., SBPD Officer Kyle Crooks responded to a call of a battery that had just occurred inside a business on the 700 block of State Street. Upon arrival he contacted the victim, a 51-year old male who was the owner of the business where the incident took place.

Investigation revealed that at the time of the incident two women ran into the victim's store and asked for help. The women were being followed by Taylor, who also entered the business. The victim approached Taylor and told him to leave the women alone, at which time Taylor threatened the victim and punched him on the face causing two small cuts to the bridge his nose. Taylor then left the scene southbound on State Street.

Officer Crooks found Taylor on the 00 block of E. Haley Street, discovered that he was wanted for Los Angeles Municipal Code violations, and arrested him. Taylor was taken back to the scene of the battery where he was identified by the victim. The victim affected a citizen's arrest of Taylor for the crime of battery, which was necessary because the misdemeanor did not occur in the officer's presence.

Taylor was booked into Santa Barbara County Jail for misdemeanor battery with a bail amount of \$2,500.00 and on his \$35,000.00 misdemeanor Los Angeles County arrest warrant.

Photo provided by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office.



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